

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISTINGUISHING PROGRAM GUIDES ACCORDING TO ORIGINATING NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system and method for providing program guide information to subscribers is disclosed. In one embodiment, the method is applied to a broadcasting system having a plurality of service networks, each broadcasting a set of programs and program guide information describing at least a portion of the set of programs. The method comprises the steps of determining a receiver station configuration; receiving a first program guide information at the receiver station, the first program guide information comprising a default transmitting network identifier value uniquely identifying the service network transmitting the first program guide information; and generating a first program guide from the first program guide information and presenting the first program guide, according to a comparison between the determined receiving station configuration and the 10 default transmitting network identifier. The preferred embodiment can also be described by a receiver for receiving the first program guide information and selectively providing the program guide information depending on a relationship between the default 15 transmitter identifier value and a value representing the receiver station configuration.

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